

**Dr. Peterson**

**Inter-Institute Research Workshop**

9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) Auditorium

- Welcome to Georgia Tech. We are delighted to have representatives from colleges and universities in Georgia as well as throughout the U.S. There is much that we have in common, and much that can be done through collaboration. We're glad to provide the opportunity to get together and discover aligning research goals that could be accelerated through formal collaboration.
- We're also hoping that today's workshop will provide a high-impact networking and training opportunity for you as next-generation scientists.
- No doubt you are familiar with Georgia Tech's reputation in engineering. Our engineering program is the largest in the nation, and is one of the best. Both undergraduate and graduate engineering colleges rank in the top five, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.
- We're equally proud of the fact that Georgia Tech is No. 1 in the nation in engineering degrees awarded to all minority students, No. 1 for engineering degrees to women, and No. 1 for graduate engineering degrees to Hispanics. We have numerous programs to attract underrepresented minority students to explore studies and careers in STEM fields.
- Georgia Tech focuses on science and technology, but not just in engineering... we also have outstanding programs in Architecture, Computing Sciences, Scheller College of Business, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts.
- Georgia Tech's impact is multiplied through collaboration, both internally between programs of study and externally with education, business, government and communities. For example, in June 2012 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Georgia Tech announced a \$20 million joint investment to develop technological solutions to improve children's health. The common vision is to become the global leader in pediatric technologies. Georgia Tech and Children's have 125 collaborations to develop new products and processes that will create economic opportunities and improve quality of life.

- BME program with Emory University — now one of the best in the nation.
- GTRI is currently teaming on a Department of Defense project with Morgan State University. We've also been mentoring our sister institution, Savannah State University. We provide research security mentoring to Savannah State, which is the first HBCU to maintain a classified research facility in the country.
- We also partner on proposals with Savannah State as well as North Carolina A&T, Florida International University, Morehouse College, North Carolina A&T University, Tennessee State University, Hampton University, and the University of Texas El Paso, to name a few.
- We are so excited and honored to host you. We know you are busy, but spending the entire day to explore opportunities to collaborate shows your commitment to ongoing excellence. I wish you the best.
- Now I would like to bring up to the podium Christopher Jones, our AVP for Research at Georgia Tech.